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Subject: RE: Media inquiry about national priorities grant EE News

Hi Megan,

Please see OPARM's response below. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Jamie

Congress directed EPA to provide \$2 million in a grant and use \$1 million to support EPAs research efforts. The remaining funds were used to support internal research efforts.

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